SUBJECT No. 44.

Construction of quarters for officials at taluk head-quarters.

Messrs. H. Krishna Murty and Maralu Siddappa, Arsikere Taluk, D. Nanje Gowda and A. Thimmappaiya, Manjarabad Taluk.

Mr. H. Krishnamurthy.—Early measures may be taken to provide suitable accommodation in all taluk head-quarters for the taluk officials and a reasonable rent recovered from them. It is very necessary in a place like Arsikere, where owing to the enormous increase of *mundies*, officials find it hard to get rented houses though they are willing to pay half the amount of their pay. The number of *mundies* in Arsikere has gone up from 4 or 5 to 70 or 80. So also in Saklespur, much difficulty is experienced by officials and four to five families have to occupy one small house. Government may therefore take up the construction and letting out of houses for officials, some of whom have now to reside in Choultries etc.

Dewan—Whenever funds are available, this is being done and more cannot be expected. If there is real grievance in any particular localities, local gentlemen may build houses for which they are sure to get a satisfactory return.

SUBJECT No. 45.

Retention of newly created Sub-Division Offices.

Mr. Kanchi Seethappa, Chintamani Municipality and Mr. Rame Gowda, Sidlaghatta Taluk.

Mr. Kanchi Seethappa.—Newly opened Sub-Division Offices should be kept some time longer.

Chief Secretary to Government.—You want the Sub-Division Office at Chintamani to be continued?

Dewan.—The Chintamani Sub-Division will be retained till the scheme for the separation of Judicial and Executive functions of Revenue Officers is introduced into the Kolar District.

REVENUE—(EXCISE.)

(Nos. 46 to 48.)

SUBJECT No. 46.

Excise Revenue in Municipalities.

Messrs. (1) B. Seetaramaiya, Chiknayakanhalli Municipality and (2) Madappa, Setwaji Rao, Settappa Siddappa and Dharmaprakasa D. Banumiah, Mysore City Municipality and (3) B Srinivasiengar and R. Subba Rao, Anekal Taluk and Gubbiah, Anekal Municipality and Raja Narasiah, Thyamagondlu Municipality.

Mr. B. Srinivasiengar.—The Local Self-Government scheme has been introduced and the question for consideration is how the Municipalities can increase their revenue. Octroi cannot be increased because prices are high. House tax is already high. For improvements, revenue is necessary. How is it to be increased? Some portion of the receipts from Toddy and arrack shops should be given to Municipalities.

Second Member of Council.—In no administration can *abkari* revenue be granted to Municipalities. The Regulation provides for the increase of taxes at the discretion of the Municipality. In the cities of Bangalore and Mysore, registration and surcharge fees on arrack are granted to municipalities. The question of granting these fees to Town Municipalities is under the consideration of Government.

Mr. Anantaiya.—Ganja, opium, &c., revenue is taken by Government. For the Local Self-Government scheme to be more effective, some revenue should be allotted to Municipalities.